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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

To Whom It May Concern:

Although I am a relatively happy Windows user, I am concerned about the proposed Microsoft settlement. They have acted illegally, and should be corrected.

The proposal, as written, contains so many loopholes that I see, as a computer professional, that it would be less a corrective action and more of a legal game. Loopholes include the short-sighted definition of the Windows platform, the weak API documentation requirements, and language that allows Microsoft to continue with anticompetitive practices under new names, like .NET, XBox, and more.

I am not a Microsoft basher. I am not a letter writer. I believe the government governs best that governs least. I share the government's desire to rest this case.

However, I believe Microsoft has broken a just law, and needs to be corrected, for the sake of righting a wrongdoer and for the sake of upholding our laws. This proposal does not correct, but, perhaps, mildly annoy, at most.

Thank you for your time.

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